

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHANTELL GOSZTYLA,

Plaintiff,

v.

WEI GU,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:22-cv-00610-NODJ-EPG (PC)

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF’S MOTION  
TO COMPEL WITHOUT PREJUDICE

(ECF No. 34)

Chantell Gosztyla is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* in this civil rights action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Before the Court is Plaintiff’s Motion to Compel, asking the Court to “order CCWF<sup>1</sup> to promptly produce Plaintiff’s C-file<sup>2</sup> to the Plaintiff.” (ECF No. 34). Plaintiff states that this motion is necessary because she “must view her c-file in order to fulfill part a, b, and c of November 17th, 2023’s Court order.” (*Id.*)

Because Plaintiff does not have a court obligation to view her c-file and because Defendants have agreed to provide Plaintiff with the medical documents in her c-file by February 15, 2024, the Court will deny Plaintiff’s motion.

On November 17, 2023, the Court issued two orders, one setting a schedule in this case through filing of the dispositive motions (ECF No. 27) (hereinafter, “Scheduling Order”), the

<sup>1</sup> Central California Women Facility.

<sup>2</sup> Central file.

1 other requiring parties to exchange certain documents within sixty days (ECF No. 26)  
2 (hereinafter, “Discovery Order”). Categories of documents listed in parts a, b, and c of the  
3 Discovery Order include the following:

- 4 a. Documents regarding exhaustion of Plaintiff’s claims, including  
5 602s, Form 22s, and responses from the appeals office.
- 6 b. Witness statements, reports, and other evidence that were  
7 generated from investigation(s) related to the event(s) at issue in  
8 the complaint, such as an investigation stemming from the  
9 processing of Plaintiff’s grievance(s).
- 10 c. All of Plaintiff’s medical records related to the incident(s) and/or  
condition(s) at issue in the case, including those held by Central  
California Women’s Facility and California Correctional Health  
Care Services.

11 (ECF No. 26 at 2).

12 Plaintiff then requested additional 60 days to respond to the Court’s orders, stating in  
13 relevant part that she was having difficulties accessing her medical records. (ECF No. 29). The  
14 Court granted Plaintiff’s motion for extension in part, allowing parties until February 15, 2024  
15 to exchange the documents listed in the Discovery Order. (ECF No. 30 at 2). The Court also  
16 ordered Defendant “to respond within 14 days indicating whether they have obtained Plaintiff’s  
17 medical records from Plaintiff’s institution of confinement as ordered by the Court and whether  
18 they have or intend to provide those records to Plaintiff.” (ECF No. 30 at 3).

19 In response, counsel for Defendant filed a declaration stating that counsel they  
20 communicated to Plaintiff that they “will be producing all medical records and relevant, non-  
21 privileged institutional documents set forth in the Court’s November 17, 2023 order. Based on  
22 this representation and the Court’s November 17 order, I intend to produce the entirety of  
23 Plaintiff’s medical records in Defendant’s possession, custody or control by February 15,  
24 2024—the new deadline to exchange documents.” (ECF No. 31 at 2). Accordingly, the Court  
25 issued a minute order (ECF No. 32), holding that it would take no further action on Plaintiff’s  
26 motion (ECF No. 29).

1 Although Plaintiff appears to be having difficulties obtaining her central file, the Court  
2 will deny the motion because Defendants have already agreed to provide Plaintiff with  
3 documents in that file that are relevant to the case, including Plaintiff's medical records.

4 As Plaintiff has been repeatedly informed, Plaintiff is not required to produce  
5 documents that are outside of her "possession, custody, or control." (ECF No. 26 at 2; ECF No.  
6 30 at 2). Plaintiff has also been repeatedly informed that she does not have to produce the  
7 information contained in her central file to the Defendant. (ECF No. 26 at 3; ECF No. 30 at 3;  
8 ECF No. 31 at 2). Plaintiff does not need the documents she lists in her motion to "fulfill" the  
9 Court's Discovery Order.

10 Thus, the Court will deny Plaintiff's motion to compel at this time. However, after  
11 Plaintiff receives documents from Defendant, which are due by February 15, 2024, if Plaintiff  
12 still believes she needs access to her c-file, Plaintiff may file another motion requesting access  
13 to specific documents from her c-file. Plaintiff should describe what documents she believes  
14 she needs and whether Defendant have already provided those documents to her.

15 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion to compel (ECF No. 34) is  
16 DENIED without prejudice.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 Dated: February 7, 2024

20 /s/ Eric P. Grogan  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE